

## **Assembly Bill No. 1918**

### **CHAPTER 187**

An act to add Section 66721.5 to the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

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#### **LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AB 1918, Romero. Public postsecondary education: Access to Transfer Information for Community College Students Act.

(1) Existing law establishes the various segments of the higher education system in the state. These segments include the University of California, which is administered by the Regents of the University of California, the California State University, which is administered by the Trustees of the California State University, the California Community Colleges, which are administered by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, and various private institutions of higher learning.

This bill would enact the Access to Transfer Information for Community College Students Act. The bill would impose a state-mandated local program by requiring the governing board of each community college district to direct the appropriate officials at their respective campuses to provide students with copies of the transfer core curriculum, as defined to mean the lower-division, general education transfer curriculum that is fully articulated between the California Community Colleges and the California State University and the University of California. The bill would require that a copy of the current transfer core curriculum be distributed to each newly admitted community college student, as prescribed, and that the text of the current transfer core curriculum be included in the published class schedule. The bill would authorize copies of the curriculum to be available at prescribed locations on community college campuses.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state,

reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. This act shall be known, and may be cited as, the “Access to Transfer Information for Community College Students Act.”

SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) Student matriculation, from community colleges through the University of California and the California State University, is recognized by the Governor, Legislature, and the governing boards of each of the segments of California’s system of public postsecondary education as a central institutional priority of all segments of higher education.

(b) The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, with the cooperation of the Regents of the University of California and Trustees of the California State University, should ensure that all students are clearly and fully informed as to which community college courses and units are transferable.

(c) Knowledge of transfer agreements will improve a community college student’s opportunity to transfer.

(d) The Master Plan for Higher Education establishes transfers as a priority. The California Community Colleges and the University of California established the goal of a 33 percent increase in transfers between the 1995–96 and the 2004–05 academic years.

(e) According to recent reports by the California Postsecondary Education Commission, the transfer rate to the University of California system has decreased every year since 1995. Given the decreased transfer rates, there is no possibility of achieving the goal of 33 percent.

SEC. 3. Section 66721.5 is added to the Education Code, to read:

66721.5. (a) (1) The governing board of each community college district shall direct the appropriate officials at their respective campuses to provide each of their students with a copy of the current transfer core curriculum.

(2) As used in this section, “transfer core curriculum” means the lower-division, general education transfer curriculum that, pursuant to Section 66720, is fully articulated between the California Community Colleges and the California State University and University of California.

(b) A copy of the current transfer core curriculum shall be distributed to each newly admitted community college student who is enrolled in a degree or certification program and is physically in attendance at the institution.

(c) The governing board of a community college district shall ensure that the text of the current transfer core curriculum is



included in the published class schedule for each academic term. Copies of the transfer core curriculum may also be made available in other locations on each campus, including, but not necessarily limited to, all of the following:

- (1) The admissions office.
- (2) The bookstore.
- (3) The career counseling center.
- (4) The veteran's affairs office.

(d) Notwithstanding subdivision (c), the governing board of a community college may, as an alternative to the methods of distribution set forth in subdivision (c), distribute copies of the current transfer core curriculum by any of the following means:

- (1) During the registration process.
- (2) By mail, with the registration materials or the enrollment materials, or both, or with other items sent to students.
- (3) During the issuance of student identification cards.
- (4) During student orientation programs.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the distribution of the transfer core curriculum to community college students.

SEC. 4. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the Government Code, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the claim for reimbursement does not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000), reimbursement shall be made from the State Mandates Claims Fund.

